

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY**

Police #07-011544
Prosecutor #0987394
CASE# 0716-CR
OCN#

COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

Nicholas D. Bass
5602 Michigan
Kansas City, MO 64130
DOB:4/10/1982; Race/Sex: BLK /M;
SS# [REDACTED]

Defendant.

Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (1003111.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges the defendant, **Nicholas D. Bass**, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the **Class A Felony of Murder in the Second Degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about the 19th day of February, 2007, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant either acting alone or purposefully in concert with another, with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to victim caused the death of victim by shooting him.

Count II. Armed Criminal Action (3101099.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges the defendant, **Nicholas D. Bass**, in violation of 571.015, RSMo, committed the **Felony of Armed Criminal Action**, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about 19th day of February, 2007, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the Second Degree charged in Count 1, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and that the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder in the Second Degree by, with and through the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statements of facts concerning this matter which statements are made a part hereof and are submitted herewith as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause for the issuance of the warrant.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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Comes now, a sworn Law Enforcement Officer for the State of Missouri, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, and that the facts contained herein are true, states as follows;

On 02/19/07 officers were dispatched to 6832 Paseo, Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri, on a shooting. Upon arrival they found the victim, Aaron Johnson, lying in the street beside a white dodge pick-up truck. Johnson was suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. He was transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries. At the scene there was broken glass in the street and .40 Caliber shell casings were also found.

On 02/19/07 at approximately 1838 hours, officers were dispatched to 1130 E. 76th Terr., Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri, on an abandoned auto. Upon arrival they found a Gold 1992 Oldsmobile, Delta 88, 4 doors, VIN: 1G3HN53L4N1816377, parked in the grass beside an unoccupied residence. The vehicle was covered with a large tarp. Upon moving the tarp, officers found the vehicle to have several broken windows and bullet holes that were coming from inside of the vehicle to the outside. Inside they noticed several spent .223 shell casings. A canine was ordered and upon searching the area, found two guns, a .40 cal. handgun and a .223 cal. assault rifle, under the decking of the residence, 1130 E. 76th Terrace. A search warrant was obtained to search the Delta 88. Inside of the vehicle a detective located an insurance card with the name **Joseph Reed** on it.

On 2-21-07 a subject was contacted by detectives who stated his father was the registered owner of the Oldsmobile Delta 88 but it was really his up until about a week before the homicide. He stated he sold the vehicle to, **Joseph Reed b/m 4-9-83** a friend he had known since grade school. The witness also stated that Joseph Reed had admitted to shooting at some people and was trying to pressure him into taking the blame for the homicide. Joseph Reed also told him that there was another person with him who also shot at the victims. This second shooter was nicknamed Gore but the witness did not know his real name. Reed told the subject the car and guns were hidden between two houses off of Troost. Reed also took this subject with him to an apartment where Reed changed his clothes and then threw them into the complex dumpster because he thought there was evidence on them.

On 4-12-07 Joseph Reed and his attorney responded to Police Headquarters to provide a statement. Mr. Reed stated he bought the suspect vehicle from his friend. He said he and another friend named Gore were in the suspect vehicle when they saw the victim and another person on the side of the road next to a vehicle. Reed was driving and Gore was in the passenger seat. He stated Gore has had an on going problem with the two subjects by the vehicle. When Gore saw the two subjects he started firing numerous shots at them. As Gore fired the weapon he shot through the sides and windows of their own vehicle causing glass and debris to shatter on him. Gore then leaned over in the seat. Mr. Reed thought Gore was hit by return fire so he fired two shots straight up in the air. Mr. Reed stated the gun he shot was a .40 caliber Glock and Gore had a "223" assault rifle. After the shooting they dropped the car off at a house off of 76th and Troost then threw the guns under a porch. On 4-24-07 Mr. Reed was shown a photo line up of six black males. He positively identified

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Nicholas Bass b/m 4-10-82 as Gore. During the interview Mr. Reed said that he changed his clothes and threw them into a dumpster at an apartment complex.

Det. Michael A. Jones 4246
Detective's Signature

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Detective's Name and Serial Number
Printed or Typewritten

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this _____ day of _____

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.